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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BREAK.

CAN WAR BE AVOIDED?

OUTRAGES REPORTED FROM HONOLULU AND THE PHILIPPINES.

London, February 5.

While telegrams are pouring in from all parts of the world approving of President Wilson's intervention, Germany still maintains a sullen silence, there being no news from there for the past twenty-four hours.

There is a suggestion that the members of the Government at Berlin are surprised at the extent of anti-German feeling, and are concocting a characteristic statement to save their face, or are holding their hands in the hope of being able to supply submarine news as an offset to President Wilson.

British Sailors Scout German Threats.

London, February 5.

The threats of frightfulness are still unrealised, and have absolutely unaffected the signing on of members of the mercantile marine, which is proceeding normally in every port.

The Secretary of the Seafarers' Union, interviewed said that the sailors do not care a rap for the German menace.

Twelve British ships left Rotterdam yesterday morning, and a British trawler arrived at Ymuiden to sell fish in the usual way.

German agents at Rotterdam are busily spreading vague reports of sinkings, but these are scouted.

President Wilson the Popular Hero.

London, February 5.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that President Wilson is already the popular hero. The cinemas displayed photographs of him, as well as the Stars and Stripes, amid frantic enthusiasm. It is felt that Germany has pushed toleration to its extreme limit, throwing all her promises to the winds.

An Asset to the Allies.

London, February 5.

The morning papers warmly welcome President Wilson's attitude, and speculate on the possibilities of America declaring war. They point out that, even with military and naval passivity, America's help would be most valuable, as, leaving out considerations of her moral support, America's financial and natural resources are practically inexhaustible, and all would be freely at the disposal of the Allies. Moreover, there are two hundred German ships at present in American harbours, valued at fifty millions sterling, including the Vaterland, the largest ship in the world, and nine others ranging from twenty-five thousand tons to thirteen thousand tons.

Washington Still Hoping.

London, February 5.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington says it is still hoped that Germany will refrain from provoking hostilities, but the Army and Navy are preparing for eventualities.

If Austria adheres to Germany's policy of frightfulness, a break with her is certain.

American representatives abroad are instructed to inform neutrals that President Wilson believes that it will make for peace if they follow America's example.

A Premature Report.

London, February 5.

The report from Paris that America has broken with Austria-Hungary appears to be premature. The latest Washington advices state that diplomatic relations with Austria hang by the slenderest thread.

Political Difficulties in Germany.

London, February 5.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, the newspapers suggest that President Wilson's action may have created formidable political difficulties in Germany, which will compel the German leaders to effect a withdrawal amounting to defeat, with possibly serious consequences.

Dutch Precautions in the East.

London, February 5.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Batavia, in view of the new German submarine warfare, mail and cargo steamers which have already sailed have been ordered to put in at the nearest Dutch Indian ports and to await orders from Holland.

German Gunboat Afire.

London, February 5.

Reuter's correspondent at New York says that the German gunboat, Geier, interned at Honolulu, has been set on fire by her crew. She is now blazing.

Shipping Outrages in the Philippines.

London, February 5.

According to a message from Reuter, the crews of twenty-three Austro-German ships in the Philippines attempted to destroy the vessels' machinery.

The Customs officers discovered the engine rooms of nine steamers to be wrecked, while fires were burning under the empty boilers of the others.

The Belgian Relief Commission.

London, February 5.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, Mr. Hoover, the Chairman of the Belgian Relief Commission, states that transportation by the Commission is suspended. The Commission's ships in Indian and other ports have been instructed to await orders. It is hoped that the transportation will be resumed soon.

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THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BREAK.

Americans in France.

London, February 5.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, the American Embassy has requested Americans not to leave France until further orders.

American Seaman Killed.

London, February 5.

The Admiralty announces that the survivors of the British steamer Eavestone report that the ship was sunk by shell-fire from a submarine.

The crew abandoned the sinking ship, whereupon the submarine shelled their boats and the master and three seamen were killed, while the second mate was severely wounded. The killed included a Baltimore seaman.

Germany Climbing Down.

London, February 5.

Reuter's correspondent at the Hague says the German Government has notified Mr. Gerard that the Americans captured by the German raider will be released.

No American Help for Interned Germans in France.

London, February 5.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that the American Ambassador, Mr. Sharp, has received cabled instructions to break off all relations with Germany. This means the abandonment of the Embassy's work for the 35,000 Germans interned in France.

PROGRESS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

Closing in on Kut.

London, February 5.

A Mesopotamia night official message says that on Friday the cavalry reached a point on the right bank of the Tigris, twenty-five miles west of Kut-el-Amara, opposite the Turkish advanced base.

On Saturday, west of the Hai-Tigris junctions, they captured three successive lines of trenches on a 650 yards front and 400 yards in depth, inflicting heavy losses.

We now control the mouth of the Hai opposite Kut el-Amara.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Good Reports from the French.

London, February 5.

The French communique says:—An enemy *coup de main* in the region of Barleux, south of the Somme, was repulsed with losses. We took several prisoners.

We conducted several raids without loss, notably in the sector of Chambrettes, north of Pont-a-Mousson and in Alsace, and brought back material and prisoners.

A French air squadron bombed an aerodrome at Colmar, in Alsace, military factories at Rombach, and railway stations at Chauny, Ham and Appily. A fire was caused at the last-named place.

Much Fighting on British Front.

London, February 5.

A German wireless official message states:—A counter-attack against the English regained the greater part of the lost trenches to the east of Beaucourt. We took a hundred prisoners.

A strong English attack to the north of Beaucourt failed.

Strong enemy forces repeatedly assaulted from the east of Grandcourt to the south of Puy.

Fighting is proceeding on the road between Beaulencourt and Gueudecourt.

HONGKONG COMPANY AND THE WAR LOAN.

London, February 5.

The Union Insurance Society of Canton has taken up a million sterling's worth of War Loan stock.

THE LATEST SINKINGS.

London, February 5.

The following steamers have been sunk:—Isle of Barren (British), Gamma (Dutch), Ymer and Heimland the First (Norwegian), Helican (Greek), Butron, Dos de Noviembre and Algorta (Spanish); and also a British trawler and a Russian barquentine.

Ten Norwegians and three Spaniards were drowned.

THE MAN-POWER QUESTION.

London, February 4.

The Press Bureau states that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in accordance with the War Cabinet's decision, is instructing every Government Department to cancel forthwith all exemptions of men up to and including twenty-two years of age who are fit for general military service, but scheduling as temporarily exempt those employed in the production of steel, or in agriculture, mines, quarries, railway shops, transport and shipyards.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra].

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN CRISIS.

What Does Germany Think?

London, February 4.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, so far there have been no telegrams from Germany on the German-American crisis and the Censor has stopped German newspapers at the frontier.

Brazil's Attitude.

London, February 4.

Reuter's correspondent at Rio de Janeiro says:—The Government is of the opinion that the moment the United States enters the conflict, the South American States ought to seek a uniform policy.

Brazil's protest to Germany is said to be drafted.

How It Affects Belgium.

London, February 5.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the State Department has informed the Belgian Minister that there is no intention to withdraw the diplomatic representatives from Belgium until this becomes inevitable.

The Americans directing the relief work will remain until forced to depart.

Mr. Choate's Opinion.

London, February 5.

Reuter's correspondent in New York says:—The definite breach with Germany has been followed by a wave of patriotism which is sweeping the country from end to end. All political differences have disappeared, and expressions of loyalty and support are pouring in.

Mr. Choate, formerly U.S. Ambassador in London, in a statement, epitomising the feeling of the responsible men of the country, says:—"I am glad the break has come. We Americans know that the Entente Powers are fighting our cause as well as their own."

American newspapers unanimously applaud President Wilson for bringing America into line with the Allies, and upholding the dignity of America. Germany had put down her last stake, and it was already lost. The Kaiser had challenged America, demanding judgment by the sword; and by the sword he would be punished.

KUNG YIK COTTON CO.

Annual Meeting at Shanghai.

The seventh ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Kung Yik Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., was held last week at Shanghai.

The Chairman, Mr. Johnstone, said:—We have passed through the worst 12 months in the history of the company, our profit being Tls. 95,616.01, which, with the amount of Tls. 5,108.66 brought forward from last year, leaves a balance at credit of profit and loss account of Tls. 100,724.67 It is proposed to increase this sum to Tls. 120,724.67 by the transfer of Tls. 20,000 from equalization of dividend fund, and pay a dividend of 90 candareens per share, which I trust will have your approval. Provision for depreciation is the same as last year, and calls for no special comment beyond the remark that everything is being written down on very sound lines.

Although we have not had a satisfactory year, the Consulting Committee trust you will agree to the payment of Tls. 1,200 as a bonus to the staff at the mill, whose work in good or bad times is arduous. If you approve of the proposed appropriations, equalization of dividend fund will be reduced to Tls. 100,000, but I trust that we shall again be in a position to build up this reserve at no distant date. Including the dividend for the past year, the return to shareholders aggregates Tls. 7.80 per share, or 13 per cent. per annum since the company was floated. During the greater part of the year under review we suffered from the absence of a satisfactory demand for our products, especially yarn. This was mainly due to Government changes, and it was not until after the death of Yuan Shih-kai that a gradual improvement set in. We also suffered from the continual rise in silver, which enabled competitors in Japan and India to keep prices at a comparatively low level in spite of the gradual and important advance in cotton.

The poor cotton crop in this district last season further accentuated our troubles, local grades being dear in comparison with Indian and American. Our working costs during the year were high, owing to the abnormal advances in all stores, and we can expect no relief in this respect in the near future as our coal contract alone for this year is at an advance of Tls. 3 per ton. The year's expenditure in interest was very heavy, being Tls. 16,455.98 against Tls. 906.88 in the previous 12 months, and was brought about by the badness of trade, necessitating the carrying of heavy stocks. At the moment the outlook for the future is much healthier than it was at this time last year, and I venture to hope that we will experience a brisk state of trade for many months. This season's China cotton crop is somewhat above the average, and, so far, prices of local grades have been comparatively cheap. I think I have touched on all the points that will interest you, but if shareholders wish to ask any questions I shall be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability.

No questions were asked. The report and accounts as presented were adopted on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Wrighteon; the payment of a dividend of 90 candareens per share was authorised on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Foster; the payment of a bonus of Tls. 1,200 to the staff at the mill was approved on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Clark.

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OBITUARY.

The Earl of Harrington.

London, February 5.

The death is announced of the Earl of Harrington, Lieut. Col. Commanding the Cheshire Yeomanry and Master of the Harrington Hounds. The heir to the title and estates is the Hon. Dudley Henry Ellen Stanhope.

Mr. Paul Rubens.

London, February 5.

The death is announced of the composer, Paul Rubens.

[Paul Alfred Rubens, dramatic author and composer, was born on April 29, 1875. After leaving Oxford he was a student at the Inner Temple, but later he gave up the career of a barrister for dramatic and musical work. At one time he was an ardent amateur actor. He wrote some of the incidental music for Mr. Tree's revival of Twelfth Night, but has chiefly written music to his own lyrics and librettos. He was the author of Three Little Maids, The Dairymaids (with Frank Tours), Miss Hook of Holland, The Balkan Princess, The Girl from Utah, The Sunshine Girl and many other musical comedies.]

SHACKLETON EXPEDITION.

Seven of the Marooned Party Rescued.

London, February 5.

Reuter's correspondent at Wellington states that the rescue ship Aurora has sent a wireless message to the effect that she has relieved seven of the Shackleton party marooned in Ross Sea. Three others have perished.

The Aurora is due at Wellington on the 10th inst.

THE LATE LORD CROMER.

London, February 5.

Reuter's correspondent at Cairo states that a memorial service to the late Lord Cromer was held at All Saints' Church, the Bishop of Jerusalem officiating.

The High Commissioner, representatives of the Sultan, Ministers, diplomats and a representative congregation were present. The "Last Post" was sounded in the courtyard of the Church most impressively.

Cathedral Collection.

The collections at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday last, in aid of the work of the Missions to Seamen amongst Mine Sweepers at ports in the United Kingdom, amounted to $421.59.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Piano Recital at Government House; 9.15 p.m.
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New Hongkong Cinematograph.—9.15 p.m.

Saturday, February 10.

Kowloon Land and Building Co.—Shareholders meeting; 11 a.m.
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co.—Shareholders meeting; noon.

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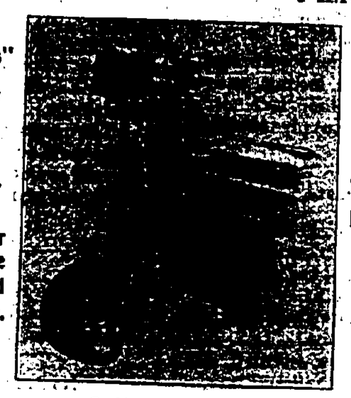

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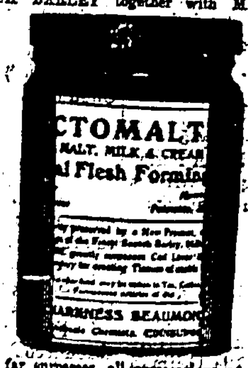

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GENERAL NEWS.

Death of Famous Surgeon.

The death occurred at his residence in Harley-street last month of Sir Frederic Samuel Eve, a famous London surgeon, and a temporary lieut.-colonel of the R.A.M.C. He had been ill for two days with influenza. Sir Frederic was consulting surgeon to the Eastern Command and to the London and Evelina Hospitals, and was a member of the Council and an ex-vice-president of the Royal College of Surgeons. From 1881 1820 he was Pathological Curator at the Royal College of Surgeons, and was the author of Monographs on Surgery of the Abdomen and Pathological Anatomy.

Germans and Admiralty Work.

Mr. Pemberton Billing asked the First Lord of the Admiralty on December 18, whether highly confidential Admiralty work is being done by Germans or naturalised Germans in the employment of the British Government, and, if so, what action he proposed to take. Dr. Macnamara, in a written reply, says:—"I have asked my hon. friend to furnish me with detailed particulars which would enable me to investigate the general allegation made in this question. So far I have received no reply. Nevertheless, I have made a variety of inquiries in regard to the class of confidential work which I know from conversation my hon. friend has in mind, and so far can find nothing to support his suggestion. However, let me say again, if he will give me the names of the particular firms or employees to which his question is directed immediate inquiry will be instituted."

The Submarine.

Admiral Bridgeman writes to the *Morning Post*:—Now that a large constructive programme of merchant ships has been decided on it is well to inquire what is being done in order that these new vessels may be in a position to defend themselves against "U" boat attack. The new type of German submarine has a large radius of action, enabling her to keep the sea for long periods and operate on our distant trade routes. The old and successful methods of destroying these pests will, as time goes on, be insufficient. It therefore is necessary that our Mercantile Marine should be able to defend themselves. There can be no doubt that under-water protection is not a difficult proposition, and gun power for defence needs no labouring. The cost of such vessels would naturally be slightly more, but whatever the cost Imperial necessity demands it. Have any proposals on the above lines ever been submitted to the Board of Trade? If not, I suggest that the Admiralty get out plans and present them without delay.

Belgians in England.

"The total number of refugees who have come to this country cannot be far short of 250,000," say the War Refugees' Committee in a report just issued in London. A large proportion of the refugees are self-supporting, and only 30,000 are now maintained through the direct agency of the committee. Some 60,000 are returned by the Registrar-General as being regularly employed, and they are able to pay for the whole or a part of the maintenance of themselves and their families. Some refugees — artists, musicians, diamond cutters, elderly men, "some superior persons" who, though not disqualified, consider work outside their duties, and so forth—cannot or will not do the manual labour which is open to them. Others are residing in places where nothing but odd jobs can be found for them." Unemployed Belgians are comparatively few, and Belgian children in thousands are being educated in primary and secondary schools, while many are at the Universities. "Hospitality has been generous, and on whole adequate," adds the report. "That these poor people are so contented at this inevitably painful position allows is shown by the absence of well-founded complaints."

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GENERAL NEWS.

On Hunger Strike.

New York, January 27.—Mrs. Ethel Byrnes, whose sensational arrest for teaching and spreading propaganda of birth control, took place several months ago, has been found guilty and sentenced to prison. As a protest against the sentence she has gone on a "hunger strike," and has refused all nourishment for the past thirty hours.

A "Pork" Measure.

Washington, January 27.—President Wilson has threatened to veto the Rivers and Harbours bill, the congressional "pork" measure, unless the senate decrease the amounts voted in the bill passed by the House. The House bill provides for the expenditure of $38,000,000G. This is $4,000,000 more than last year's bill appropriated.

Big Fire at Kagoshima.

On the 16.h instant fire broke out at Higashi Sengokucho, Kagoshima, and 230 houses were destroyed before the flames were subdued. The neighbourhood of the place where the fire originated is the central and most thriving quarter of the city, and full of hotels and restaurants. The outbreak occasioned great consternation amongst the inmates of these houses. It was later ascertained that the fire originated in the Yamashita photographic studio at Sengokubaba, but how it was caused is not known, as all the inmates of the house are missing.

U. S. Army and President Wilson.

The county canvassers, who have been canvassing the soldier vote of New York County, have completed their work. The total vote cast for President was 1,955, of which number forty-nine were blank. The highest elector on the Republican Presidential ticket received 879 votes, and the highest elector on the Democratic ticket 1,027. For Governor, the total vote was 1,955, with eighty-nine blank and one void. Of this number, Gov. Whitman received 913, and Judge Samuel Seabury 941. Eleven votes were scattering.

Holland's Munitions Output.

The Hague, December 15.—In the course of a speech in the Second Chamber on the Budget for 1917, the Minister of War stated that Holland's munition supply had been considerably increased, and was daily increasing, thanks to the extension of State munition works and the co-operation of private works. The Government was still of the opinion that there was a danger of Holland being dragged into the war, and it was, therefore, unavoidable that sufficent military forces should be kept at their immediate disposal.

Pineapples.

The pineapple, probably brought to Europe by the Spaniards from South America, was introduced into England in 1670. The *Bulletin of the Imperial Institute* says its cultivation in glasshouses has been killed by improvements in transport and cold storage, while its cultivation in warm countries has extended. The principal supplies of fresh fruit come from the Azores and tinned pineapple is imported from Singapore, Hawaii, and more recently from Siam. In the last-named country it is a new industry, a small company having been formed by a German for starting it—another example of peaceful penetration. The closing of the port of Hamburg by the war has stopped the supply of pineapples from St. Michael's, in the Azores, to the Continent, and they have been diverted to the London market.

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Defendant, who is only 18, said he left his wife because he could not keep her.

Magistrate: Then why did you marry her?—Defendant (with a shrug of his shoulders): There you are sir. She promised to keep me.

Why did you leave her, then?—Because I hadn't told my father and mother.

Medical evidence was to the effect that in defendant's mental and physical condition he did not understand the full responsibility he was incurring when he got married.

In dismissing the summons Mr. Taylor said the man ought not to have been allowed to marry. He was sorry the law did not give him the right to have the man locked up indefinitely, because until he rid the world of his presence he was likely to do more harm than good.

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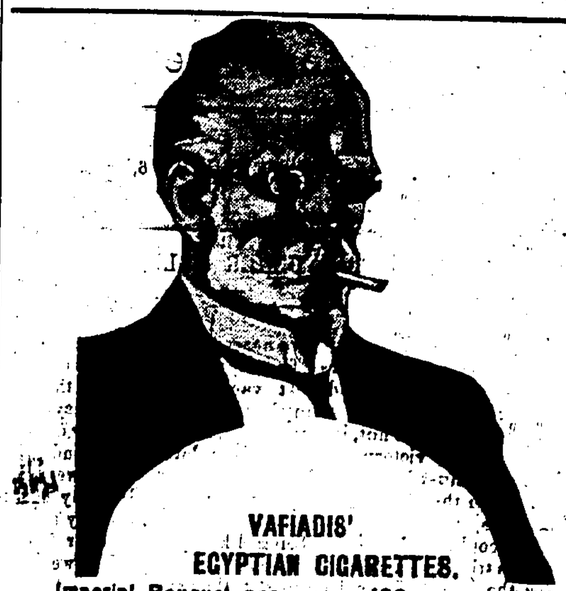

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DEATH.

WICKING.—On the 1st instant, at her residence Milton Road Bournemouth, Mrs. Hannah Wicking, widow of the late Mr. Harry Wicking.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1917.

DEUTSCHLAND UEBER ALLES!

Germany may now be said to be nearer than ever to attaining her long cherished desire: that of finding the whole world opposed to her. From the moment (and that was quite early in the war) when her Kaiser and his evil counsellors realised that they could not possibly win—could not, in fact, fail to lose badly—they determined that the Allies' victory should cost the latter dear, and that they themselves must be prepared, sooner or later, to answer some questions which the public of Germany, as well as Germany's partners in crime, would be desirous of putting. The only answer which they could think of, as being likely to save their face in presence of a tribunal of the general public, was: "We were not beaten by the Allies. They had to get the neutral world to help them." As we have tried to point out a score of times during the past two years, if the Kaiser and his friends had to lose, it could matter little to them how many antagonists were going to win. If a man owes a hundred dollars, it can hardly make much difference to him whether he pays it to one creditor or to fifty.

If it was Germany's wish to create for herself as many enemies as possible—and it was—that wish is certainly gratified, for her name stinks in the nostrils of civilisation, and country after country is coming to the limits of its endurance. Germany is tired of the war and is taking a short cut to the end of it. More than one of the neutral nations has for long enough wanted a reasonable excuse for "coming in," but the fate of Rumania, to say nothing of that of Poland, Belgium and Serbia, carried an awful warning small to countries. There is probably little doubt that, six month ago, could America, Spain, Holland, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries have reached a proper understanding, the whole world would have combined to come in on one side or the other, in the hope of thus being able to end a war whose tension has become intolerable to everyone but the capitalists. To-day Germany has gone as near as possible to bidding open defiance to them all, and surely the only reasonable interpretation thereof is that she wants to be put out of her misery. Everyone who takes the trouble to indulge in a little occasional thinking knew the value of the recent "peace proposals"; the veriest school child knew that they denoted panic, and that this nation of bullies cherished just a last hope that "bluff" would still carry it to a point at which "terms" could be arranged.

By making a united enemy of every country in the world but her own three allies, Germany virtually reaches the last page in the story of the war. She cuts her people off from all further hope of outside help and sympathy—and she places under the noses of Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey the temptation to cut themselves off from her rather than share in her complete destruction. No one knows better than these three countries that any hope which they formerly held of benefiting by the conflict was long ago put out of court. For them, further fighting only means a nearer approach to absolute ruin and loss of independence. A surrender now would enable them to save at least something from the wreck; another three or six months' fighting against food shortage, internal discontent and external and extremely active military and naval forces, may leave them without a shirt to cover them. As for Germany, if she still hugs to herself the idea that she presents to the world a noble picture of a great nation with its back to the wall, fighting for its honour to the last, she is mightily mistaken. Germany, as the world sees her to-day, is nothing of the sort: she is just a sewer rat, dashing frantically from side to side of an ever-contracting cage, maddened with fear for the future and tortured by recollections of the unspeakable folly which, in the past, prompted her to think that a rat could ever develop into a lion. An edifying picture, truly, of the land that was to dominate earth and heaven!

The Germans and Canada.

Canada is necessarily very prominent in the public mind now that there is serious talk of the United States' declaring war on Germany. As we have already suggested—and as some of yesterday's wires proved—America's prime difficulty, in the event of war, is that of dealing with the enormous numbers of trained German soldiers in her territory, to say nothing of other enormous numbers of hyphenates and sympathisers. It seems to us that this is where Canada may be likely to come in. The Canadian population is under rather than over eight millions, but the census of 1911 shows her to be in possession of a potential army of over two millions, and, generous though she has been in the matter of sending men to the Front, we may be sure that her practically-minded politicians have never lost sight of the fact that the country might at any time be obliged to deal with attacks from the Germans of America. It is rather the Germans themselves who are likely to have forgotten that there is still a large and efficient army in Canada, ready, at need, to talk to the ruffians who, having been allowed to make the United States their home, have thought well to use it as a base for their abominable plots. But before venturing farther in discussing this interesting point, one rather feels that one would like to know if it is as an avowed ally of Britain's that America is entering the field, or merely as a quite independent Power—or, for that matter, if she really is going to enter it at all.

Our Beggars.

Yesterday an old man was fined four dollars (with the alternative of a week's hard labour) for persistent begging. He had already been sent to Canton four times. To-day a similar case arose and, apropos, the inspector in charge of it observed, that six or seven hundred of these nuisances were sent out of the Colony last year, but that they all came back—some no less than fourteen times. The beggar difficulty here is no slight one and the police have had their hands more than full. In fairness, too, it must be owned that they have made big strides in keeping down the trouble. Unfortunately, however, the statement from one of their number to the effect that, when the mendicants are sent away, they just come back again, is sufficient proof that the means employed at present are insufficient. Of course such people cannot be treated like dangerous criminals, though we see no reason why banishment orders should not be made out against them. But is it not possible for the Government or the Tung Wah Committee to approach the Canton Government and the Charitable Institutions with a view to having the women, the old men and the crippled lodged permanently in some kind of poor-house in Canton?

The Sturdy and the Young.

For those who come under the class "sturdy beggars", the good old English law of whipping has never yet been improved upon; and, if it became known that a sound flogging was the recognised punishment in Hongkong for such people, we should soon be rid of them. As for the child beggars, why are they not arrested on sight and handed over to the custody of industrial schools? Surely the Government can afford to subsidise the French Sisters, on the understanding that they look after all such waifs. To take away the children from the adult beggars is usually to rob these of their main capital, and so to break up their little establishments very satisfactorily. As often as not the youngsters probably do not belong to them at all, but have been stolen. Left in the hands of the wretched old harridans who exploit them, it is not difficult to foretell their future, whereas if they are handed over to the nuns there is every reasonable prospect of their developing into decent and self-respecting people. Whether they actually belong to the adult beggars or not, there is surely nothing for the Government to apologise for, in taking them away from a career whose end is the gaol, and putting them on the road to useful citizenship.

DAY BY DAY.

DISEASES DESPERATE GROWN, BY DESPERATE APPLIANCES ARE RELIEVED, OR NOT AT ALL.—Hamlet.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.5/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 105th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens.

For the Troops.

We acknowledge with thanks a parcel of reading matter from Mrs. Gardiner for the troops.

Benefit Concert.

Readers are reminded that a benefit concert is being held at the Victoria Theatre to-night at 9.15, in behalf of the relatives of the late Mr. Batton.

At Home.

The Committee of the Catholic Women's League will be At Home to members and their friends on the 16th inst. There will be an entertainment at 5 p.m. and dancing from 6 to 7.30 p.m.

The Colony's Health.

Last week there were 63 cases of small-pox notified in the Colony (all Chinese), of which 53 ended fatally. There was also two non-fatal occurrences of enteric fever (one English and one Chinese) and one fatal case of plague, a Chinese being the victim.

A Calcutta Inducement.

When three Chinese were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with importing opium, Mr. D'Almada mentioned that the case was similar to many others which came before the Court. People at Calcutta induced the men, who were employed on a ship, to bring the drug to Hongkong. Defendants were fined $200, $250 and $150 respectively.

Pests of the Colony.

In a case in which an old man was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police Court this morning, with begging, Inspector Kent said the defendant was soliciting alms from Europeans in D'Aguilar Street yesterday. These people were perfect pests. He sent away half-a-dozen last night, but he knew full well that they would be back again shortly. Last year six or seven hundred were sent to Canton, but they all returned. Some of them had came back no less than fourteen times. His Worship asked defendant if he had been sent away and had come back. He admitted that he had, but added, "Not this year." A fine of $5 was inflicted, Inspector Kent saying he would send the man away again.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Results of the Poll.

The election of the Municipal Council came to a close last Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock after a brisk day's polling. Both at the Tax Office and at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkew Branch, there were goodly numbers of votes polled, but though this was the case the total number of papers handed in was 139 short of that of last year, says the *N. C. Daily News*. The numbers this year were 991 votes and 16 irregular votes and last year 1,135 votes and 11 irregular votes. All the old councillors standing were re-elected in addition to the council's nominee, Mr. White. Mr. E. C. Pearce heads the poll with 880 votes and Baron Fujimura came second 73 votes behind. Messrs. H. H. Girardet and R. McE. Dalgleish, the unsuccessful candidates, secured 345 and 299 votes respectively. Messrs. Cecil Holliday and C. W. Wrightson acted as scrutineers.

The votes obtained by the new councillors are as follow:—

Mr. C. E. Pearce	880
Baron Fujimura	787
Mr. J. Johnstone	747
Mr. E. C. Richards	731
Mr. R. I. Lara	692
Count L. Jezierski	690
Mr. W. L. Merriman	687
Mr. A. S. P. White-Cooper	650
Mr. E. White	550

CHINA'S AFFAIRS.

YOUNG MEN CAN SAVE THE COUNTRY.

Liang Shih-yi's Views On Accepting Office Again.

It has been repeatedly stated in the local vernacular papers that Liang Shih-yi, the late Yuan Shih-kai's former financial adviser, is being pressed by the Central Government to return to Peking and to resume his old office. Mr. Liang, as most of our readers are aware, has been staying in Hongkong for some months, having left Peking soon after the death of President Yuan. In a *Telegraph* interview yesterday he explained the situation at some length.

"It is true," he said, "that some people in the Government, and also some of the public, have repeatedly implied their wish for me to return to Peking; but at present their representations are a little vague. You might rather say that they have been "sounding" me as to my willingness. I had sacrificed my comfort before to work for the nation and my fellow-countrymen, and I do not grudge doing so again, but I am afraid I may not be able to do much good. Why? There are two reasons:—(1) There must be implicit trust. Only those who are trusted and against whom no suspicion is entertained can achieve any good for their country. I was in charge of finance and I may tell you something about the Bank of Communications. The balance sheet of this Bank at the end of 1915 shows that both the assets and liabilities were respectively about $128,000,000, and the accounts of the said Bank were audited by the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Communications and the Audit Department—respectively and independently—in June to September last year. They found that all the accounts were correct and that neither I nor any of my staff had misappropriated any money. These three Departments should therefore have given these facts the widest publicity in order to show beyond doubt my financial integrity. Their silence, however, tends only to give currency to rumours against my character, which will impair any trust that may be placed in me.

"Again, take the case of the absurd accounts published as to the late president's expenditure in furthering the monarchy idea. We are seriously told that Yuan spent "millions of dollars" in the scheme. I was not in charge of the finance of this movement at the time, but I happen to know positively that the sum spent on it was not more than four hundred thousand dollars. The financial authorities should have investigated this matter and should not have given vague answers when questioned on the point. This suppression of facts naturally has had a most mischievous effect on the nation generally.

"(2) My second reason is on account of the present party feeling. As you know, there are two principal parties in China at present:—the Kuomintang or Republicans, and the Chinputang or Progressives. Suppose I were to return to Peking to-morrow: the Kuomintang people would immediately suspect that I was going to side with the Chinputang, while the Chinputang would doubtless say that I had come to take sides with the Kuomintang. As a matter of fact I worked my very hardest to reconcile the one to the other during the first and second years of the Republic. I may mention that I earnestly wish to dispel all suspicions. I have, however, always concentrated my attention on my own work and never devoted much time to fraternising with the different parties. This has been one of my shortcomings. I consider that in a weak country like China, we must get the young members of these parties to combine their energies, in order to rouse the people with a view to the salvation of the nation. It has always been my policy to train up young men—China is the young men's country, and not old the men's. I am forty-nine now; in other words my outlook is a comparatively short one, and I cannot work with an eye on the future, as younger men can. For the last two years of Yuan Shih-kai's life I was always trying to persuade him that appointments should be given only to men under five-and-forty. A Minister must always be looking ahead, and there should be sufficient margin of years in front of him for him to be able to see at least some of the good results of his work within his own lifetime.

"The only thing that will save China is for her to "work ahead". I do not say that a man should necessarily retire at forty-five. What we really need to do is to get hold of the young fellows and train them, by letting them understudy their superiors in office, so that they are ready to take over the work at a minute's notice, and may possibly be able to keep on working till fifty, or even sixty. Our young men are sometimes a difficult problem to handle. If they are not given positions of some amount of responsibility they will have no opportunity for being trained, and so, when the present generation of experienced men passes away, there will be no suitable men to succeed them. In that case, who will manage the affairs of China? To come back to our original topic, as there are very many men of remarkable ability in the different political parties, the present is not an appropriate time for me to set out to accept office again."

"In a word, then, you do not see your way to accepting office again?"

"Suspicions and rumours are rampant in the country, and I must wait till these are cleared away before I can say that I am prepared to accept office."

A VIOLENT CHINESE.

Attempt to Export Dollars.

The story of a man's determined attempt to get aboard a Douglas boat with over $800 which he was desirous of exporting was told to Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning.

Defendant said he was not anywhere near the Douglas wharf, but was on the Praya, where he was going to get the money changed at a money changer's.

P. C. Fallon said he was sitting on the Douglas wharf when defendant entered, and as soon as defendant saw him he turned and walked quickly off. Defendant went up the street and witness followed him and caught him. Witness told him he was a policeman and was going to search him. He took hold of him, and defendant struggled so much that they both fell to the ground. Capt. Crisp was passing and assisted him; otherwise, he would not have been able to hold the man, he was so strong. The money was tied round defendant's waist in a waistcoat meant to be used for the purpose, and tied round the whole was a length of lamp wick. He was taken to the Police Station with the assistance of an Indian, and when the lukong was searching him in the charge room he pulled out a piece of paper and swallowed it in front of them all. At the time of the arrest there was a ship at the wharf, which was leaving to-day for Swatow, and the defendant spoke the Swatow dialect.

Defendant said he had got the money by collecting various drafts and he wanted to remit the money somewhere else. He was asking from the shopkeepers how much discount they would allow him if he placed it in their hands and let them send it. When he was outside the door of a shop a policeman went up to him and asked him to go to the wharf. Before that he had been nowhere near the wharf. He did not know the name of the shop. He brought the money into Hongkong from Canton last night and was assaulted. He had plenty of witnesses in Canton, but none here.

His Worship ordered that the dollars should be confiscated, and, in addition, inflicted a fine of $500, or, in default of payment, three months' imprisonment.

TRAMWAY RETURNS.

The following is the approximate statement of the Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week ending February 3, 1917:—

	Receipts for week.	Aggregate Receipts for 5 weeks
This Year:	$13,423	$ 69,096
Last Year:	15,982	80,711
Increase:	———	———
Decrease:	[illegible]	[illegible]

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

So much has happened since the annual reference books for 1917 went to press, says a Home paper, that the majority of them when published will be already a little out of date. The Cabinet changes were the biggest blow to the makers of reference books and diaries, not one of those so far issued containing the names of Mr. Lloyd George's Ministry. A similar state of affairs occurred in 1911. During the previous year there were two Parliamentary elections. The members chosen in January were not included in the 1910 Year Books, although they figured in the 1911 ones while as a matter of fact they had gone out of office in December 1910.

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We are not often in a position to judge of the mental outlook of our public men in private life, observes the *Globe*. The late Mr. Chamberlain was known to be a great reader, and was reported when at Highbury to sit up for that purpose after his household had retired. He is said to have favoured light novels, such as those of Henry Harland, among books of quite another character. A correspondent gives us a glimpse into what we may assume to be the attitude of Mr. Lloyd George, whom he observed crossing St. James's Park the other day with two books in his possession. One was "Degenerate Germany," the other—"The Pilgrim's Progress," a sufficiently wide choice of subject.

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A distinguished correspondent, says the *Chronicle*, hastens to defend *Punch* in its delineation of Nelson without "the familiar patch which denoted the loss of an eye before the glass substitute was invented." In that sense, he says, Nelson never lost an eye. At the siege of Calvi a shell or shot falling near him drove a lot of sand into one of Nelson's eyes, causing the permanent loss of sight. But the eye was not disfigured, and does not appear disfigured in any portrait of him I have seen. If he ever wore a black patch it can only, I think, have been, for a short time immediately after the wound was inflicted. But is there any evidence that he ever wore a black patch?

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If we are to believe the latest prognostication of M. Marcel Hutin, says the *Globe*, the Crown Prince has been given an important command on the Western Front in order that he may gain his field-marshalship, an opportunity gravely compromised by the Verdun episode. The gladiators of old, "butchered to make a Roman holiday," are in rivalry altogether trivial to this appointment of an incompetent, vain-glorious Hohenzollern for "the prestige of the dynasty." What prestige can be worth half a million lives of its supporters? The fantastic length of the Divine right theory in Germany could not be more forcibly exemplified. A gamble in slaughter is nothing to this princelet. He "must have his revenge" for Verdun. It is enough to turn all monarchists into republicans.

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As a postscript to examples of unconscious humour in the pulpit and out of it the *Chronicle* is reminded of the case of that superintendent of a Sunday-school whose enthusiasm ran towards regular attendances. One Sunday he bubbled over: "Dear fellow workers and children," he announced, "out of the entire school only one person is absent to-day—little Maggie. Let us hope that she is ill."

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve) state :—

H.E. the Governor's Inspection, February 10.

1 Transport.—(a) Members in the Central and Western Districts on this date may travel to and from the neighbourhood of the Polo Ground by free cars provided by courtesy of the Hongkong Tramway Company. They will report to their various Platoon Commanders at the Queen's Statue, near the Law Courts at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Fifty (50) men only may travel on each car. Mr. Frank, A. S. P. (R), will supervise. Five cars will be provided. Members unable to find accommodation on these cars are requested to travel by other cars and pay their own fare. On production of tickets at this office, fares will be refunded. (b) Members in Kowloon travel by Police launch from the Police Pier (next to Star Ferry Pier) at 2.30 p.m. to Causeway Bay. They will return from Causeway Bay by launch at about 4.45 p.m.

2.—Uniform.—All ranks, except the buglers and recruits, will wear helmets and spikes or mushroom tops. Buglers and recruits will wear white caps and covers. Swords and belts will be worn by the following only:—All Superintendents, all Chief Inspectors (except C. I. of Musketry), all Company Commanders and by Staff Inspectors in possession of same.

3. Picquet Duty.—A certain number of men will be detailed for this duty. They will be in charge of Staff Inspector Taylor.

4. Position of officers.—The attention of all Inspectors and Unit and Section Commanders is drawn to a notice on the Board at Headquarters' Club.

Anniversary Entertainment.

The tickets for the variety entertainment will be sent to the following on Saturday morning, February 10, for distribution among the men of their respective Commands before or after the Inspection:—Crown Sergeant Eustace, Crown Sergeant Wilks, Inspector Suffiad, Inspector Alves, Inspector Wei, Inspector Wong, Crown Sergeant Wong Shau Nin, Crown Sergeant Ford, Surgeon Inspector Thomas and Inspector Gegg. Members of the Staff will apply for tickets direct and in person to the Orderly Room Sergeant.

Company Parades.

Uniform, helmets and spikes, and rifles.

Wednesday, February 7—No. 1 Company and Maxim Gunners.

Thursday, February 8—No. 2 Company and Band.

No exemption is to be granted from these parades except by the undersigned.

Police Puggarees.

These will be issued to Section Commanders on application at this office after 12, noon, on Monday, February 5. They are to be applied for only for those men who will attend the Inspection in helmets.

Recruits.

All recruits in possession of uniform will attend the Inspection. Uniform, caps and covers, but without rifles. They will parade under the Sergeant Major at Central Station at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, and Friday, February 9.

Strength.

P. C. 126 Chan Fai is dismissed from the Force.

The services of P. C. 679 Maxwell are dispensed with as from this date.

Equipment officers will see to the return of all equipment except trousers and jackets.

Transfer.

P. C. 774 French is transferred to the Mounted Police, subject to performance of February foot patrols.

Italian Red Cross Fund.

The collection made recently in Canton (Shameen) for the benefit of the above fund realised $21,949.72 and a draft for the equivalent of this amount at exchange, 3.3½, viz. Frs. 6,443.32, has been forwarded to H.E. the Italian Minister in Peking.

MEN'S CLUB.

Programme of To-morrow Night's Social.

At the Men's Club to-morrow night commencing at 7.30, the final social evening of the season is to be held. A most attractive programme has been arranged, details of which are as follows:—

PART I.

1. Chinese Acrobatic display, and some Magic by the famous Mr. Ing Said Wah, of Canton and America.
2. Song—Lce. Cpl. Freeman, "A" Coy, 4th K.S.L.I.
3. Comic Song—Lce. Cpl. Frost, A.S.C.
4. Comic Song—Pte. Simpson, "A" Coy, 4th K.S.L.I.
5. Humorous Duologue—Cpl. Armstrong and Pte. Braddick, "A" Coy, 4th K.S.L.I.
6. Comic Song—Sgt. McGregor, R.E.
7. Comic Song—Pte. Jones, "A" Coy, 4th K.S.L.I.
8. Comic Song—Gunner Wainwright, 88th Coy, R.G.A.

PART II.

1. Sleight-of-hand and Card Tricks—Sapper Cooke, H.K.V.C.
2. Presentation of Billiard Challenge Cup to Pte. J. E. Austin, 4th K. S. L. I.—His Excellency the Governor.
3. Vocal Quartette—Sgt. Malam, Cpl. Armstrong, Lce.-Cpl. Freeman, and Pte. Braddick, "A" Coy, 4th K. S. L. I.
4. Selection—Hon. Mr. Claud Severn.
5. Song—Mr. H. E. Muriel.
6. Recitation—Hon. Mr. Pollock, K. C.
7. Song.—Mrs. Muriel.
8. Irish Stories.—His Excellency the Governor.
9. Humorous Trio.—Cpl. Armstrong, Pte. Braddick, and Pte. Povey, 4th K.S.L.I.
10. Humorous Recitation.—Mr. C. Burnett.
11. Comic Song.—Gunner Wainwright, 88th Coy., R.G.A.
12. Humorous Duologue.—Pte. Simpson and Pte. Jones, "A" Coy. 4th K.S.L.I.

THE FREIGHT MARKET.

Business Still Dull.

In their circular dated February 3, Messrs. Snowman and Co. state:—

Since the issue of our last circular, dated 20th ult., very little business has been done. This is of course due, to a great extent, to the China New Year holidays, but the Saigon and Bangkok rates to Hongkong have also weakened since last reporting and what little business might have been arranged at the beginning of the fortnight was turned down by owners who, in expectation of higher rates offering, were not disposed to let out their tonnage at the figures then ruling.

Saigon/Hongkong:—It was generally anticipated that there would be a good demand for tonnage immediately after the holidays, but up to the time of writing only a very slight demand for medium-sized vessels prevails. When we last reported, the rate in this direction stood at about 73 cents per picul. This was followed by the fixture of a small Japanese boat at 75 cents—when the market looked like advancing—and offers, by charterers, at 76. Owners of regular vessels would not consider fixing at less than 80 cents and it was when this rate was being negotiated that the market fell—a large-sized Jap. being put through at 65 cents. Since then the fixture of two medium-sized outsiders is reported at 50 cents per picul. Tonnage which might otherwise have accepted employment in these waters has now been withdrawn North.

Exports of rice from Saigon from 1st January to 12th December, 1916, amount to 932,263 tons as compared with 924,522 tons for the same period last year. Quotation for No. 2 white round sifted rice stand at $3.50 per picul f.o.b. Saigon for January/February shipment.

Saigon/Philippines:—Fixtures of three small-sized Philippine owned vessels have been made at Pesos 1.05, 1.20 and 1.00 per picul—the last fixture being made with option of another trip. A small Norwegian steamer has also been fixed at $1.00 per picul for comparatively prompt loading.

Bangkok/Hongkong:—Rates in this direction have still further weakened—with very little business reported, quotation now being 70/60 cents per picul for inside/outside bar loading respectively—as against 80/70 cents per picul last reported—but doubtless rates will improve as the season advances.

Saigon/Java:—No report is to hand of business having been done in this direction and what little of the last of the season's sugar is offering from Java upwards will not give a sufficiently attractive rate to induce owners to consider fixing—combined business, southwards with return cargo, being rigidly insisted upon.

Daisy/Canton:—No further business is reported as having been fixed in this direction.

Coal:—Freights from Japan are being enquired for, the rate in the meantime remaining practically steady at about $8.00 to $8.50 per ton.

Fixtures reported:—Hongay/Hongkong, 2 trips at $7.25 for a 4/500 tonner, and $8.00 for a small Jap. Hongay/Saigon (2 trips) P. T. Hongay to Canton $8.50 per ton.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of February, 1917, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st December, 1916.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 12th February, to SATURDAY, the 24th February, 1917, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1917.

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NOTICE.

WHERE on the 18th day of January, 1917, the Yaumati Police found Cargo-boat No. 2630V in Yaumati Bay, with a quantity of coal aboard, such junk having been apparently abandoned by the Master and Crew.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that if the said Junk and Coal be not lawfully claimed within three days from date, will be SOLD.

(Signed) C. McL. MESSER,
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Hongkong, 6th February, 1917.

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S'HAI, Kobe & Moji	Kutsang	Wed., 7th Feb. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Kwongsang	Thur., 8th Feb. at d'light.
HAIPHONG	Taksang	Thur., 8th Feb. at 7 a.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Sat., 10th Feb. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG	Loksang	Sun., 11th Feb. at d'light.
MANILA	Yuensang	Sat., 17th Feb. at 3 p.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

Losses of German Shipping.

The "Vossische Zeitung" states that a lecture given at the Institute of Nautical Science on December 8, Captain C. Schroter, of Hamburg, on the basis of a great mass of statistical information, described the present state of German mercantile shipping. He stated that since the war, 151 ships, with a tonnage of 452,000 tons, have been destroyed either by mines or torpedoes, 267 ships with a total cargo room of 807,000 tons, have been retained by the enemy, and made the most complete use of by them. In neutral harbours 621 merchant vessels, with a total tonnage of 2,341,00 tons, are lying interned, condemned to inactivity; and 490 steamers, of a together 2,41[illegible],000 tons are still at home. These figures correspond to 7.1 per cent. of the total tonnage of the German mercantile marine (5,300,000 tons) finally and irremediably lost; 14.1 per cent. in the hands of the enemy, and 43 per cent. in neutral harbours.—Reuter.

Britain's Largest Motor Ship.

A very satisfactory trial run was carried out by the Glenamoy (the new Glen liner) from Glasgow around the North of Scotland to the Thames. The vessel, which, by the way, was only completed recently by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, of Govan, was originally ordered by Messrs. Elder Dempster and Co., and was purchased by the Glen Line before completion. She is 435 feet in length by 57 ft 7 in. beam and has a deadweight carrying capacity of about 10,300 tons. The Glenamoy is the largest British-built or British-owned Diesel-engined merchant ship. The propelling machinery consists of two six-cylinder four cycle Burmeister and Wain sets of 1800 i.h.p., giving a total power of 3,600 i.h.p. Power is developed at about 110 r.p.m. On light draught the ship attained a speed of well over 12 knots, and on service the average speed will, no doubt, be about 11 knots. The machinery of this vessel, it is interesting to note is the sixth set Messrs. Burmeister and Wain Oil Engine Co., of Glasgow, have completed for large full powered motor ships. Previous vessels engined by them were the Falstria, for the East Asiatic Co., of Copenhagen; the Mississppi, for the Atlantic Transport Line; the Kangaroo, now in the service of the Western Australian Government; and the Glengyle and Glenartney, owned by the Glen Line.

Dairen Shipping Trade.

The shipment of beans and bean cake is carried on in earnest, notwithstanding the fact that the steamer freights on the above cargoes have declined slightly. The following vessels are expected to load here consignments to Japan:—s.s. Nanto from Moji with 20,817 pieces railway sleepers to ship a full cargo of B. Cake to Kobe; s.s. Kaiko ship 78,000 pieces B. Cake to Kobe; s.s. Shinkai to load 45,000 pieces B. Cake to Yokohama; s.s. Harbin to ship 3,500 tons B. Cake etc., to Osaka. In addition, the Nagata Maru No. 25 and the Kogen Maru to ship 3,0 tons and 200 tons Kaoliang to Seitou respectively. The conveyance of beans, etc. to South China ports by China Nav. steamers, the Chinese steamer Shaw Hsing, the Japanese steamer Hozan Maru, etc., has been commenced earnestly. The C. N. s.s. Yuhoan, from Shanghai on the 25th inst., and, another of the Company's steamers, the Shengking, from Hongkong on the same day, with 200 tons general cargo, are expected to load on Dairen Wharves 31,000 pls beans for Swatow and 10,000 bags beans for Shanghai respectively. They will be followed shortly to South China ports by several of the Company's vessels from Dairen. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Dairen, which undertook to export bean oil direct to Seattle, will ship the first consignment for the present year amounting to 60,000 cases by the Tenpoisan Maru due here on the 26th inst. Moreover, the firm has trip-chartered the Norwegian steamer Niels Nielsen between Dairen and Seattle, which is to carry 190,000 cases more in addition to a certain quantity of Kaoliang thereto. She was built last February in Seattle and has a gross tonnage of 5799 and a deadweight carrying capacity of 8,000, being well-appointed as a cargo carrier. She is scheduled to put in here at the end of this month from Vladivostok, whereat she discharged munitions from Seattle and Tacoma.—"Manchuria Daily News."

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10.00 p.m. Kinshan. | 5.00 p.m. Fatshan.

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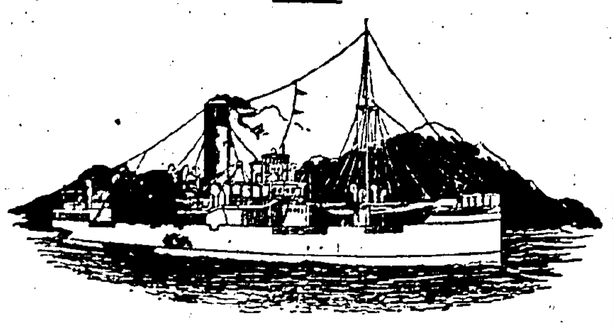

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February, to the 12th February, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

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WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on Jan., 1, 1917.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1916.		1917.	
Tytam	6ft. 6in. overflow	Below	6ft. 6in. overflow	Below
Tytam Byewash	8ft. 4in. overflow	Below	8ft. 4in. overflow	Below
Tytam Intermediate	5ft. 7in. overflow	Above	5ft. 7in. overflow	Above
Pokfelum	4ft. 6in. overflow	Below	4ft. 7in. overflow	Below
Wong-nei-chung	16ft. 8in overflow	Below	17ft. 8in. overflow	Below
Tytam Low Level	Under construction		Under construction	

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1916.	1917.
Tytam	309.90	118.06
Tytam Byewash	8[illegible]	[illegible]
Tytam Intermediate	207.88	107.71
Pokfelum	40.37	20.85
Wong-nei-chung	12.88	1.80
Tytam Low Level	54.00	182.25
Total	644.70	430.16

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Dec., 1916

	1915	1916	
Consumption	191.88	216.35	M. gallons
Estimated population	263,119	266,719	
Consumption per head per day	24.9	24.0	gallons

Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains only during December in both years 1915 and 1916.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1915	1917
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir	4ft. 9in. Below overflow	7ft. 7in. Below overflow

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1916	1917
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir	304.80	278.05

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Dec., 1916.

	1915	1916	
Consumption	33.16	35.76	M. gallons
Estimated population	97,400	99,000	
Consumption per head per day	10.9	11.9	gallons

The Government Analyst's reports show that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHATHAM,
Water Authority,
Public Works Department.

TIDE TABLE.

From 5th Feb. to 11th Feb., 1917.

Day of Week	Date of Month	High Water Hongkong Mean Time.	Ht. in ft.	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time.	Ht. in ft.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Mon.	5	m 0 34	4.2	m 6 56	1.0
		1 10a	7.1	1 56a	3.1
Tues.	6	m 10 15	4.0	m 3 16	0.3
		1 45a	7.2	2 20a	3.1
Wed.	7	m 10 31	4.3	m 3 55	0.3
		2 20a	7.1	3 0a	3.0
Thur.	8	m 10 45	4.5	m 4 31	0.3
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PREMIER'S HEAD.

Phrenologist on the Successful Business Man.

The head of Mr. Lloyd George figured very prominently in a lecture by Professor Millott Severn on "Salesmanship and the Business Head of the Future," at the Food Reform Restaurant, Furnival-street. Mr. Alfred Hubert, president of the British Phrenological Society, who was in the chair, introduced it, and claimed the new Premier as a phrenologist.

"It is my firm opinion," he said, "that our present Prime Minister owes his success very largely to his knowledge of phrenology, not only in so far as his personal advancement is concerned, but also as to his ability to judge of the mental calibre of his colleagues."

Professor Millott Severn remembered Mr. Lloyd George calling upon him. He was too busy to see the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as Mr. George then was, and he had to tell him that he would have to wait two hours. But Mr. Lloyd George was gracious enough to call again, and he agreed with the chairman that the Prime Minister was more or less a phrenologist.

A member of the audience asked if it were true that a man who had a wide head, like the Prime Minister, was going to be the most successful business man. To which the lecturer replied that Mr. Lloyd George had a wonderful amount of length of head, as well as base, which gave him physical stamina and sustaining power. Business now demands long heads, fairly high and well developed at the base, he added. Such a head will develop moral qualities, with a high degree of organising and creative ability and intuition.

NOTICE.

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PIANO RECITAL.

Last Night's Event at Government House.

The ballroom at Government House, which had been kindly lent for the occasion by His Excellency the Governor, was filled to overflowing last night on the occasion of a piano recital by Mr. Denman Fuller, assisted by Mrs. Balean (violinist) and Mrs. Galloway (vocalist) in aid of war charities. The proceeds from the sale of tickets are being handed to the Hongkong Association of Women War Workers, while the sum received from programmes, which were sold by little boys and girls in Highland attire, is to go to the Scottish Women's Hospital Fund.

The greater part of the programme was sustained by Mr. Denman Fuller, whose choice of numbers covered a wide variety of themes, so that all tastes were catered for. His most ambitious item was Chopin's Ballade in F Minor, with which the recital opened, and all the depth of pathos by which this masterpiece is characterised was most sympathetically translated by the pianist. Another of Mr. Fuller's triumphs was his tender handling of Debussy's "Reflets dans l'eau," which was beautifully played. We also liked York Bowen's Ballade, the fresh melodies in which were well brought out, while for technical brilliance the pianist was at his best in Liszt's La Campanella and Leschetitzky's Intermezzo in Octaves. The quaint originality of Norman Peterkin's No. 3 of "A Dreamer's Tales" created a most favourable impression of this young local composer's abilities, while in Isaacs' Hunting Song Mr. Fuller succeeded perfectly in reflecting the atmosphere and excitement of the hunt. His other items were also well played.

It is no reflection on the other contributors to the programme to state that the feature of the evening was Mrs. Balean's violin numbers. This was her first appearance in Hongkong, and she showed herself to be an instrumentalist of rare ability and marked artistic gifts. Vieuxtemps' Reverie was her programmed item, and she played it with much delicacy and breadth of feeling. Unhappily, the effort was marred by the G string slipping—a circumstance which would have placed a less experienced player completely at a loss. Mrs. Balean's encore number was very cleverly executed, and at the close she was very warmly applauded. Hongkong is fortunate in being able to command the services of such a talented violinist. Mrs. Galloway contributed four songs, her best number being Quilter's "Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal," an extremely melodious setting to words by Tennyson. A tribute must be paid to the accompanists, Mrs. F. Austin and Miss E. Osmund, who rendered most effective service to the vocalist and the violinist.

THE SMALL-POX OUTBREAK.

Statement by the Medical Officer of Health.

To a *Telegraph* representative to-day, a statement on the small-pox outbreak was made by Dr. W. J. Woodman, the Medical Officer of Health.

The Medical Officer said:—Since the last meeting of the Board, 121 cases of small-pox have been reported, of which 117 were of Chinese nationality. Three only of these cases had been vaccinated. Of the 117 cases, 88 were found dumped, and thirteen more were not reported until after death.

Since the Chinese New Year, our staff and the various ambulance dispensaries have performed 27,000 vaccinations, making a total of about 145,000 since the start of the campaign, and the Chinese Public Dispensaries and other hospitals have vaccinated about 65,000 more, making a grand total of about 210,000.

Almost every house in the City has been visited by a vaccinator, and the house-to-house work is being continued. One man is employed in vaccinating on junks and sampans.

THE DOLLAR.

Will It Become the World's Exchange Standard?

Paris, December 28. — The appointment of the Bank of England as agent for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is likely to be followed by the conclusion of a similar arrangement with the Bank of France. The *Journal*, says the development demonstrates that the relations between the United States and the Entente Allies are more cordial than might have been believed at the time the Federal Reserve Board last month warned United States banks against the acceptance of Treasury notes of the belligerents, the effect of which this new development, it is believed, will go far toward obliterating.

The facts, as known here, are that Mr. Benjamin Strong, jr., governor of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, conferred with the governors of the Banks of England and France in February, 1916, as to the best means of establishing closer relations with Europe. The possibility of using sums payable to the United States for merchandise either in the acquisition of French and British securities or as credits are among the points discussed.

May Extend Plan to the Far East.

Washington, December 28.—The recent authorization given to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to appoint the Bank of England as its agent in London and the probable appointment of the Bank of France as agent in Paris, and appointment of other foreign agents through Europe, in all likelihood, will be followed, in time, by the appointment of strong financial institutions in similar capacities in Japan, China, and Australia.

Officials are looking to the Orient as a fertile financial field for the growth of American business and the establishment of connections there, while not under formal consideration at present, is favoured by some members of the Board. Arrangements under which the Bank of England will be appointed the London agent of the New York bank probably will not be perfected for several months. Sentiment in London and New York, however, was sounded in advance of issuance on December 25 of the authorization, and there is no doubt in the minds of officials here that the arrangement will be made and will be followed, in time, by the appointment of foreign agents in Paris, Berlin, Madrid, Petrograd, and other financial centres of Europe.

Operations under such arrangements, with banks at London and elsewhere in Europe, in the opinion of officials here, will be negligible during the war, compared with the operations which will follow afterward. It was with a view to equipping the banks of this country with machinery which would enable them to maintain the dollar as the standard of world exchange after the war that the authorization was issued.

A situation directly opposite is said to obtain with respect with the Orient. Financial dealings with Japan, China, and Australia, officials here feel, probably would be greater during the war than afterward unless the machinery to facilitate such operations will have been established and working when peace is declared. Bankers in those countries, it is pointed out, are still making their bills of exchange on London, and it is with a view to diverting a part of this business to the United States that the establishment of agencies there is at present informally under consideration.

Perfection of arrangements now pending with the Bank of England probably will entail the appointment of a committee by the New York Reserve Bank to visit London, or by the Bank of England to visit New York. It is regarded as unlikely that the making of an agreement of such import would be done by correspondence. No steps have yet been taken, so far as known, looking to the appointment of such a committee.

Officials laid stress to-day on their opinion that, during the war, operations under the arrangement would not effect any appreciable change in exchange rates, or be of any great advantage so long as the current of trade continued in one direction. In normal times, however, when the current shifts with the seasons, it was thought that the arrangement would be found of great advantage in stabilising exchange rates and preventing the movement of gold.

SANITARY BOARD.

The War and the Sanitary Staff.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board, held this afternoon, over which Mr. D. W. Tratman, Head of the Sanitary Department, presided, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley asked the following questions regarding members of the Sanitary Staff.—

"(a.) What members of the Sanitary Staff have been granted leave since the war began, and on what terms?"

"(b.) What members of the Sanitary Staff have undertaken active military service since the war began? Have any such members been killed, wounded decorated or taken prisoner? What members are now on such service?"

The President replied:—

(a). The following members of the staff have been granted leave since the war began:—Dr. Clark, Dr. Pearce, Inspectors Lamble, Duncan, Meade and Woolley. They have been granted leave on the usual terms, according to their rank and service. Inspectors Coombes and Fisher have been granted three months' vacation leave each, and Inspector Millington has been granted indefinite leave for the purpose of service with His Majesty's forces.

(b.) The only member of the Sanitary Staff now on active service, as far as I am aware, is Inspector Millington, who was well when we last heard, which was about Christmas time. I know nothing as to decorations.

The Leave Question.

A minute was made by the President relative to leave of absence of Sanitary Inspectors Watson, Hudson and Allen, and on this Mr. Bowley thought that at the present time leave should only be granted on the ground of ill-health or for war services.

The President replied that the officers in question were 51, 48, and 46 years of age respectively, and their health during the past twelve months had been such as to make it extremely doubtful whether they would remain effective officers throughout another summer. Other officers, who were due for leave, but to whom the above did not apply, were foregoing their leave.

The leave was approved without discussion.

The Death Rate.

The mortality returns showed that the death rate in the Colony for the week ending January 14, was 35.2, per thousand per annum, and for the week ending January 21, 30.9, as against 16.8 for the corresponding week last year.

No Infected Rats.

In the rat return it was stated that for the week ending January 20, 2,076 rats were caught in Hongkong and Kowloon, whilst in the following week 1,670 were caught. None was found to be infected.

Property Sale.

At his sale room this afternoon, Mr. G. P. Lammert held a sale of property, namely, Marine Lot No. 25, including Nos. 6 and 7 Praya East, and seven shops in Queen's Road East. The area is about 27,500 square feet, and the annual Crown rent $484.84. The Lot was knocked down to Mr. Au Patting for the sum of $102,000.

A Groundless Story.

With reference to the reported exchange of prisoners of war between Japan and Germany, the Japanese Foreign Office Officials state that no such proposal has yet been submitted to Japan by Germany. There are instances of sick or disabled prisoners being exchanged between the countries interested, but there is no precedent of the exchange of able-bodied prisoners. The whole story must therefore be regarded as groundless.

DISINFECTION.

An Educational Demonstration.

With the object of assisting in the work of tracing cases of infectious diseases which occur in the Colony, and which the Chinese are loth to report because of the process of disinfection which their goods and chattels must undergo, a demonstration was held at the Disinfecting Station yesterday afternoon, the principal people invited being the members of the native Press and the Kaifongs of the Colony. In the small-pox outbreak, which the Colony is just recovering from, the most serious problem for the authorities was not the treating of known cases, but the finding out of the appearance of the disease among those Chinese who have objections to the manner in which the work of disinfection is carried out. There have been two main objections raised by the Chinese, the first being to having their houses turned out and the walls and floors sprayed, because they think the spray is injurious to the furniture, and the second being that the steam disinfector through which clothes are put perishes the materials. To the European mind it seems foolish that risks of life should be taken in order to save articles of clothing and furniture, but among the natives there is an absolute dread of losing some valued personal belonging, and so it is that they fail to notify cases of disease, a proceeding which seriously hampers the work of the Sanitary authorities. Yesterday's demonstration was held in the belief that if the Press and heads of districts could be convinced that there was nothing injurious in the process, that knowledge would filter through to the people and prove extremely valuable.

There was quite a good attendance at the Station, among those present being Mr. D. W. Tratman, Dr. W. J. Woodman, Mr. Ng Hon-tes, Mr. S. W. Tso, and Chief Inspector Lyons.

The coolie quarters were first sprayed, it being shown how the clothes for the steam disinfector are collected up and taken away, a form indicating how many articles are removed being handed the householder. Following this, a quantity of clothes was put through the steam disinfector, and one enthusiastic Chinese had brought with him several small pieces of delicately tinted cloth, asking for these to be put through also. At the end of the process it was found that only one piece had been effected, a slight reduction in tint being noticeable. All seemed thoroughly convinced of the care exercised for the safety of the clothes, the only point debated at length being the effect the steam process has on furs. Most inclined to the view that it was injurious, but it was pointed out that the class of people who had most clothes disinfected did not possess such luxuries as furs.

At the conclusion of the demonstration, refreshments were partaken of.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this afternoon, the shroff of a firm of sail makers, of 59, Des Voeux Road Central, was charged with embezzling three sums of $93.08, $168 and $146.64, the monies of his firm.

Mr. E. Davidson prosecuted and Mr. J. H. Gardiner defended.

Mr. Davidson said defendant was charged with embezzling $1,001, but as that was made up of different sums, which had been outstanding for a considerable time, they were proceeding on three particular sums only. The defendants were sail makers and supplied the Indo China Steam Navigation Company with all canvas articles. It was the duty of defendant to send in bills and collect monies. Mr. Davidson then went on to detail the amounts that defendant collected and compared them with the sums he paid in, which showed the discrepancies. He said defendant suddenly left the Colony but subsequently returned and was arrested.

The case is proceeding.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.

The report of the Board of Directors of the above Company, to be presented at the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Hotel, at noon on Saturday, February 17, states:—

The Directors beg to submit their report for the half-year ended December 31, 1916.

Accounts.—The profit on Working Account amounted to $69,310.07 as compared with $56,423.44 for the corresponding period of 1915, being an increase of $12,886.63. The profit and Loss Account, including the sum of $54,777.05 brought forward from June 30, 1916, shows a credit balance of $123,493.32 which the Directors recommend should be apportioned as follows:—To pay a dividend of $3.00 per share on 20,000 shares, $60,000.00; to transfer to Repairs and Renewals Account, $20,000.00; to write off Steam Launch, $1,000.00; to carry forward to New Account, $42,493.32.

Directorate.—Mr. Ellis Kadoorie retires by rotation, but offers himself for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts for the half-year under review have been audited by Messrs. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A. and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., Messrs. A. R. Lowe and H. Percy Smith offer themselves for re-election.

J. SCOTT HARSTON,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1917.

Profit and Loss Account.

Bad and Doubtful Debts		$ 1,974.59
Crown Rent ...		513.34
Rates		6,736.16
Fire Insurance ...		5,007.25
Interest		18,652 97
Exchange... ...		234.99
Directors' Fees ...		3,499.98
Auditors' Fees ...		400.00
Share Investment Depreciation ...		130.00
Repairs and Renewals Fund as per Statement ...		3,473.68
		40,622.96
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...		123,493.32
		$164,116.28
Balance from 30th June, 1916. ...	$ 54,777.05	
Rents of Shops and "Hotel Mansions"	39,547.50	
Scrip Fees ...	16.00	
Bad Debts recovered	425.66	
Dividends on Shares	40.00	
Balance of Working Account ...	69,310.07	
		$164,116.28

Repairs and Renewals Account.

Amount expended during the Second Half Year 1916. ...		$23,473.68
		$23,473.68
Amount transferred from Profit and Loss as per last Report	$20,000.00	
Balance transferred to Profit and Loss as above ...	3,473.68	
		$23,473.68

Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1916.

LIABILITIES.

Capital:—		
20,000 Shares at $50 each fully paid up ...		$1,000,000.00
1,500 Mortgage Debentures (6 per cent) at $500 each $750,000.00		
Less 291 Purchased and held by the Company to date 100,500.00		
		649,500.00
Reserve Fund as per last Account ...	648,975.78	
Sundry Creditors ...	39,938.44	
Unclaimed Dividends	5,250.00	
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Current Account)	34,448.88	

NEW YEAR DAY FATALITY.

Chinese Killed by Tram Car.

At the Magistracy this morning an enquiry was held into the circumstances surrounding the death of a Chinese who was knocked down by a tramcar and killed on Chinese New Year's morning at West Point.

Mr. J. R. Wood (coroner) said the enquiry was into the death of a Chinese who was knocked down in Des Voeux Road West soon after one o'clock on the morning of January, 23. What they had to find was whether the driver was to blame or not.

Dr. McFarlane said he saw deceased at the Public Mortuary. The injuries were very severe. Deceased had a broken arm, a broken back, broken liver, broken heart, broken lungs, and nearly all his ribs were smashed. There was a large bruise all over the front of the chest.

A European constable said he found the deceased right underneath the motor box.

In answer to a question from the Coroner, Mr. Course, traffic superintendent of the Tramway Co., said the deceased had passed right over the life guard underneath the car.

The constable, continuing, said he picked him out after the car was lifted up.

Mr. Wood, addressing Mr. Course, said the guard in this instance at least had not proved effectual, and he would suggest to the Tramway Company that some provision should be made so that it would be impossible for a person who was knocked down to pass over the life-guard to the back of the car.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, adding a rider to the effect that neither the motor man nor the Company were in any way to blame for what had occurred.

Balance as per last Report $54,777.05 Profit for the Half Year to date $68,716.27		123,493,32
		$2,501,608.36

ASSETS.

Value of Properties as per last Account (The Company's Properties were valued by Messrs. Palmer & Turner on the 23rd August, 1913 at $2,314,215.00)		$2,219,062.48
Furniture and Fixtures &c. as per last Account ...	100,005.30	
Since added	2,500.77	
	$102,506.07	
Less Sales ...	1,870.28	
	100,635 79	
Installation of Electric Light, Machinery, Plant, &c. as per last Account ...	3,467,37	
Hotel's Steam Launch as per last Account ...	17,900,00	
Written off as per last Report ...	2,900.00	
	15,000.00	
Shares in Public Companies (Market Value at 31st December, 1916)	3,200.00	
Stock of Linen, Crockery, Glassware, Wines, Provisions &c. value at	86,872.26	
Linen, Glassware, Crockery &c. (in use)	9,823,91	
Licence attached to 1917A account	593.34	
Sundry Debtors ...	62,051.48	
Cash in Hand ...	899.73	
	$2,501,608,36	

J. SCOTT HARSTON } Directors.
FRANCIS MAITLAND }
J. H. TAGGART,
Acting Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

AMERICANS IN HONGKONG.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir,—You have not always been too lenient in your comments on the American Government and its people, but your leaderette of yesterday, I think, accurately interprets the feeling of the American community of Hongkong as a whole.

Speaking from my personal knowledge, within a few days of the outbreak of the present war, the British and American residents of Paris formed a miniature "Foreign Legion" and offered their services to, and were accepted by, the French Government. This small corps did very good work indeed; the American members were subsequently merged into different units of the French service and the British were afterwards drafted in the Regular Forces of the Crown.

It is safe to assume that the rupture of diplomatic relations between America and Germany will be followed by a declaration of war if an overt act is committed by the enemy—which is practically sure to happen. If so, personally I think the adult male American residents of this Colony, provided they receive official encouragement, would welcome being (a) drafted into the Defence Force of this Colony, or alternately, (b) form an independent unit on the lines of the French precedent.

The American women here would be glad to join their British sisters in the usual war work and charities.

The number of permanent American residents in Hongkong is small and would therefore perhaps not be of great material value, but would do their best to cement a natural but much-belated alliance.

The movement could be extended to Straits Settlements, India and Australia.

What do you think of the suggestion?

Yours truly,
ANGLO-AMERICAN.

Hongkong, Feb. 5, 1917.

Practical Patriotism.

One of the first acts of the new Lord Chancellor has been to waive his right to his customary pension on retirement. This is fixed at £5,000 a year, which is on a far more generous scale than most pensions, and, moreover, the Lord Chancellor would be entitled to it even if he went out of office on the day following his appointment. His salary is £10,000 per annum, but £4,000 of this comes to him as Speaker of the House of Lords. Mr. Harold Cox, who is agitating for the divorce of the office from politics, says that the country is now liable for pensions to ex-Lord Chancellors to the tune of £30,000 a year. Actually there are now four—Lords Buckmaster, Haldane, Loreburn, and Halsbury,—and these account for £20,000, the remaining £10,000 being apparently expended on pensions for retired Irish Lord Chancellors.

The Chamber of Shipping.

London, Dec 21.—Inquiries at the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom offices, 5 Whittington-avenue, E.C., show that this important organisation, representing British owners, is soon going to move into large new offices and take up a larger field of operations. The nationalisation of shipping, announced yesterday by Lloyd George, makes this step all the more important, and it is anticipated that the Chamber will work with the Government in the carrying out of important schemes. It is satisfactory to note that a prominent shipping man, Mr. H. M. Cleminson, of Messrs. Botterell and Roche, has been appointed as general manager by the secretary, the Hon Noel Farrer, whose valuable services to the shipping world in that position are so well known. The Chamber's new offices will be at 24, St Mary Axe, E.C., in Baltic Shipping Exchange buildings.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Steel and the War.

The steel market seems at last to be feeling the effects of the latest diplomatic manœuvres in Europe, says the *New York Evening Post* of December 26. The *Daily Iron Trade* says a combination of disturbing influences will close many more mills and furnaces within a few days. The *Iron Trade Review* says the talk of peace has caused decided decrease in buying of pig iron "but there is no evidence of weakness and everybody is welcoming the breathing spell." That would be all right if one could be certain that it was only a breathing spell. It is good for the steel industry to keep running, but what if it should be brought to the point where it doesn't exercise enough to keep its breathing good? The inconvenience of war is that it causes first depression then unnatural excitement, and then depression again. First there are alarming gold exports, then a "breathing spell," then alarming gold imports, with perhaps an aftermath of alarming gold exports again.

Raw Cotton Trade of Japan and India.

The Council Bill question which has been creating difficulty in the raw cotton trade of Japan and India has been settled, says the *Japan Advertiser*, of the 10th instant. As the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce has not made public the means of solution it is impossible to make a concrete explanation, but it is reported that every obstacle has been cleared, which is welcome news to the nation. From another source it is reported that as a result of British negotiations a solution was found in the transfer of silver bullion from the United States. Steps were also taken by the Yokohama Specie Bank to ease matters. Mr. Yamakawa, vice-president of the Specie Bank, is quoted as follows:—"As an immediate remedy, the Yokohama Specie Bank shipped 200 pieces of silver bullion from Shanghai and a certain amount of specie. On Monday a certain amount of silver bullion held by the bank in London was sold to the Bank of England with the understanding that the payment would be made in India. Therefore, the bank has a deposit in Bombay to settle drafts up to about Y.20,000,000. Hereafter, in order to make possible new contracts, the bank will forward silver bullion and specie to its branch in Bombay. With the steps arranged by the authorities I am sure matters will be settled satisfactorily."

Commercial and Produce Markets.

London Dec. 27.—The Bank rate remains unchanged at 6 per cent. The Open market rate for short loans is 5 per cent., and discount for 4 months' Bank bills 5 9-16 per cent. The Silver market has been very quiet, and bars are now quoted at 36 11 16d. per oz. In the Rubber Share market the volume of business has fallen off considerably, but the tone has remained firm. Mr. C. E. Anton (of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.) has taken the place of the Hon. Mr. D. Landale of the same firm in the court of directors at Hongkong of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The Produce Markets have been interfered with by the Christmas holidays, and many of the usual public auctions have been suspended. Coffee has maintained a steady tone, with small sales passing at recent prices. In Sugar business has been restricted, owing to the small supplies available. Peppers have been quiet, but prices are fairly steady. Rice is quiet, but prices show little alteration. Manila Hemp has ruled firm, with moderate transactions at dearer prices. Plantation Rubber has been quiet, and prices have receded somewhat, both Standard No. 1 Crepe and Smoked Sheet being now quoted 2s. 11d. per lb. Fine Hard Para is 3s. 2½d. per lb.

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FROM THE PULPIT.

God's Providence is Death.

Notice of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie at Union Church on Sunday morning.

"The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. They shall enter into peace . . . . ."—Isa. 57/1.

We see here that a generation which will not have God in its knowledge in relation to life will also disregard His providential oversight of death. The prophet here is writing of evil times which would become yet more evil. The nation was morally decadent; its leaders were worthless characters, yet they were spared while good men were taken away. Worst sign of all, the good men were not missed. No-one considered the portent given by their loss, though it might have been perceived that God in His goodness was causing them to "enter into peace", removed from the heavy chastisement of the approaching time, in which men would "desire death," and death would "flee from them."

I do not purpose to enlarge on the sombreness of the picture, though there are parts of the world as it is to-day which offer but too close a parallel. There are comforting and cheering thoughts which arise from the neglected truth underlying the text, viz. God's good providence seen not only in course of life but also in the ending of it, which we call death.

The trend of popular thinking has been but little in this direction for some considerable time. Less has been heard than used to be about death and preparations for it. In particular, we have reacted against the view that the "other world" is the place for good men, and have emphasised the need for their presence in this world. "I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world," said our Lord when He Himself was about to leave it, and the words have been an easy text to preach from in the 20 century. I am not complaining of the tendency in question. On the whole, it has been healthy. But does it ever occur to us to enquire why those sacred words just quoted should have fallen from the Masters' lips at all, so unlike anything on most people's lips to-day, or at anyrate yesterday? Must He not have been setting aside an impulse to pray that those few followers whom He loved and whose welfare He desired might be taken away from the evil to come in a world which could only ill-use and misjudge them?

Is the preacher, then, offering the suggestion that death is to be preferred to life, or that life is not worth living? Assuredly, no. That is the suggestion of pessimism, and pessimism is essentially atheism, and none the less so though coloured with pietism. To say that life is not worth living is only a way of saying that God's will is not worth doing. Whilst we have God we will cherish the life He gives and ask His help to make much of it. But making much of life while God gives it is a very different thing from holding on to it desperately, and refusing to let the fact that one is mortal ever come before one's mind. That, again, is but an atheism of another kind.

Richard Baxter used to say he aimed to preach as a dying man to dying men. Nowadays it is said we ought to preach as living men to living men, which is quite true, though the truth is no real antithesis to Baxter's motto, and some of us will feel less difficulty about putting him right when we can claim to have more of his fervent zeal for God and deep love for souls. Here is Baxter's own view on the matter:—

> Lord, it belongs not to my care
> Whether I die or live;
> To love and serve Thee is my share,
> And this Thy grace must give.

When we realise, with St. Paul, that "living or dying we are the Lords," death is shorn of its terrors. I like to remember, if ever I speak on the subject of death, which is not very often, that I am speaking of one of the great affairs of life, one also which has been so illumined by Christian light that its occurrence does not overwhelm us with hopeless dismay, however severely our affections may be wrung.

Let me quote a sentence or two about death from a deeply interesting biography. "I have for the last two years," says the writer, "made myself so well acquainted with this true, best friend of mankind, that his image no longer terrifies, but calms and consoles me . . . . . I never lie down to rest without thinking that, young as I am, before the dawn of another day I may be no more, and yet nobody who knows me would call me morose or discontented. For this blessing I thank my Creator every day, and wish with all my heart I could share it with all my fellow-men." That is not from one of the "saints," but from a man like the rest of us, except in his sublime endowment of musical genius, not yet surpassed in the history of the art. It is from a letter to his father by W. A. Mozart, who died at thirty-five, and was thrown into a pauper's grave which cannot be identified to this day, taken out of a world which he enriched with an almost incredible wealth of beauty, but which will pay its thousands for ragtime lilts and starve the man who brings down to it the music of the spheres.

But those words about death contain no conscious presage of tragedy. They come from a singularly bright and sunny personality, whose letters sparkle with fun and high spirits. Why should it be otherwise? Part of a rational creature's preparation for death is surely to learn to see in it something for which to bless the Giver of Life when He sees fit to send it. Something needs correction if the thought or mention of the end of life only makes us "uncomfortable," but that is what happens unless we come to understand that the Father Whose providence is over the course of our lives is not absent from the end of them, that "not one sparrow falleth to the ground" without Him.

Our text from Isaiah sets this fact in strong relief in certain special circumstances, in which good men were mercifully taken away from a society which had become too corrupt for their presence to preserve it. The circumstances of the present are not wholly parallel, yet the prophets' words have come often into one's mind in the course of a world-wide war, which is taking so terrible a toll of young life. It is said on all hands that the war was needed to purge our world from many evils and to avert the incidence of other evils which were threatening. Such a view is taken by many who would possibly resent it from the pulpit but who freely express it themselves.

Well, if it be true that the war was needed to brace and purify the life of the nations and prevent their sinking further into a decadent state, it follows that those whose lives are given in the cause are not losers but gainers. It is better for them to have given their lives for the saving of the world than to have gone on living in a world whose increasing errors and evils would have involved their own natures in the common deterioration. That the high call of duty has been the moral rescue of thousands is beyond doubt.

Once again, as always, one is conscious how cheap a thing it might be for us to philosophise at this safe distance as to the general good results which may come from a sacrifice we do not personally make. But it is in no spirit of philosophic detachment that I suggest this consoling thought, or that you will give it consideration. It is better for our sons to have given their lives nobly than to go on living another 10 or 50 years upon a mean level, and when we ask why God does not stop the war, that is a thing to be borne in mind. If it be true that life is not to be measured by years but by deeds, and still more by aims, we need not stand appalled as in the presence of hopeless mystery, as though the expenditure of life were mere waste which a wise and loving God would have found means to avert. Were God less wise and less loving, the world might have been allowed to go on as it seemed to be going, till the time arrived when those who were gone from it would have been envied, and the rest, to whom remained the burden of an ignoble, intolerable existence, would have longed for an escape.

The war apart, the same truths are widely illustrated in life at large. We often wonder at the incidence of death, and speak of it as "premature." But the Lord of the vineyard is the only judge of the maturity of the fruit. The "taken away" of my text is really "gathered in," and when He gathers it is not too soon, and it is into His heavenly storehouse. For us it is hard, but for those thus gathered it is well. We have a saying about some that they are too good for this world, and though in a sense no-one can be that, our instinct is not incorrect. Now and again there will appear among us some sweet, bright spirit, of such a quality that we cannot but feel it is only lent us for a time, clad indeed in the robe of our mortality, but not of the fibre which is suited to the toil and endurance of our mortal state. We will thank the Heavenly Master for the loan, while we possess it, and when it pleases Him to gather it back whence it came we will try to make the surrender as knowing that it is required only by His loving kindness, and the sojourn with us, though brief, has not been in vain. For who can measure the service rendered here in drawing forth our love and linking it to the highest, by, say, the youth or maiden of years, or even the precious infant life of only weeks or days? Yes, who can over-state that service, when we think how those tender hands reach out and those loved voices keep calling to us men and women here, wooing us toward the realm of light where they dwell with the Father, having "entered into peace?"

FALKLANDS FIGHT ECHO.

H.M.S. Canopus Claims a Share of Prize Bounty.

How a British warship helped to destroy the German squadron under von Spee in the Battle of the Falklands Islands was told in the Prize Court when Rear Admiral Grant gave evidence in support of the claim of H.M.S. Canopus to a share in the prize bounty.

It was explained by Rear Admiral Grant, who at the time was in command of the Canopus, that before the Battle of the Falklands the officers and men of the Canopus prepared the defence of Port Stanley, under the most adverse conditions of weather, gales of wind and snow. By reason of this defence Admiral Sturdee's squadron was able to coal and re-victual.

Before the battle, said Admiral Grant, the German ships Gneisenau and Nurnberg attempted to make a reconnaissance, but were prevented from doing so by the fire of the Canopus. They were thus unable to discover the strength of Admiral Sturdee's squadron, which included the Invincible and the Inflexible.

Had it not been for the part played by the Canopus the German ships would have realised their danger in time and escaped.

Judgment was reserved.

Dairen Bank.

The eighth regular general meeting of the Dairen Bank was held at the Dairen Businessmen's Club recently. Forty-one shareholders, representative of 16,876 shares, attended. Mr. S. Sato took the chair. Mr. Suzuki, the Manager, gave the business reports. The other reports were submitted and passed. The most interesting question of electing the officers was taken up. A member moved for entrusting the work of election to a Committee, but found no seconder. As the result of a ballot, the following gentlemen were elected:—Directorate, Messrs. S. Sato, S. Suzuki, S. O. Tanaka, M. Kawabe, Y. Tsuchihashi, Dr. K. Tsuji, and S. Kojima. Auditors Messrs. T. Nakamura, K. Takahashi, and M. Iizuka. The Directors then elected the President, and Mr. Kawabe proved their choice.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

S.—SELLERS; SA.—SALES; B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.		
Banks	n.	$720
MARINE INSURANCES.		
Cantons	n.	$375
North Chinas	n.	t. 150
Unions	n.	$900
Yangtszes	n. ex 73	$255
FIRE INSURANCES.		
China Fires	n.	$155
H. K. Fires	sa.	$367½
SHIPPING.		
Douglases	n.	$116
Steamboats	sa.	$20¼
Indos (Def.)	sa.	$129
Indos (Pref.)	n.	$41½
Shells	n.	106/-
Ferries	b.	$32
REFINERIES.		
Sugars	b.	$126
Malabons	b.	$39
MINING		
Kailans	n.	36/-
Langkats	n.	t. 20
Raubs	s.	$2.40
Tronohs	n.	31/6
Urals	n.	32/9
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &C.		
H. K. Wharves	s.	$86
Kowloon Docks	sa.	$126
S'hai Docks	s.	t. 87
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.		
Centrals	n.	$93
H. K. Hotels	s.	$112
Land Invest.	n.	$91½
H'phreys Est.	b.	$7
K'loon Lands	s.	$35
S'hai Lands	n.	t. 36
West Points	s.	$73
COTTON MILLS.		
Ewos	n.	t. 145
Kung Yiks	n.	t. 13½
S'hai Cottons	n.	t. 118
Yangtszepoos	n.	t. 5½
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Borneos	n.	$8.00
China Light & P.	b.	$4.60
Providents	s.	$8.90
Dairy Farms	n.	$25½
Green Islands	n.	$11.65
H. K. Electrics	b.	$49
H. K. Ice Co.,	n.	$160
Ropes	n.	$34½
Steel Foundries	n.	$9¾
Trams, Low Level	n.	$7.20
Trams, Peak, old	n.	$10
Trams, Peak, new	n.	$1
Laundries	n.	$8½
U. Waterboats	b. x.d.	$15¾
Watsons	b.	$8½
Wm. Powells	s.	$6
Morning Posts	n.	$29

CORRECTED TO NOON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 1917.

BENJAMIN & POTTS,
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Princes Building.
Tel. address: Broker.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	2/4¼
Demand	2/4 5/16
30 d/s.	2/4⅜
60 d/s.	2/4½
4 m/s.	2/4 9/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	101¼
T/T Japan	109¾
T/T India	171¾ Nom.
Demand, India	171¾ Nom.
T/T San Francisco & New York	56
T/T Java	135⅜
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T Francs	3.27
Demand, Paris	327½

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	2/5 1/16
4 m/s. D/P	2/5 3/16
6 m/s. L/C	2/5 5/16
30 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne	2/5 5/16
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	57¼
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. Francs	3.39
6 m/s. Francs	3.44
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	56⅛
T/T Bombay	—
Demand, Bombay	171¾ Nom.
T/T Calcutta	—
Demand, Calcutta	171¾ Nom.
Demand, Manila	112
Demand, Singapore	100¼
On Haiphong	2½% prem.
On Saigon	2% prem.
On Bangkok	65¼
Sovereign	8.40 Nom.
Gold Leaf, per oz.	48.80
Bar Silver, per oz.	37⅜

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Hongkong 10 "	½% "

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BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business Transacted.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 Months 3% per annum.

For 6 Months 4% per annum.

For 12 Months 4½% per annum

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Chief Manager.

NOTICE.

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PEAK TRAMWAYS CO. LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 A.M. to 8.00 A.M. EVERY 15 minutes
8.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M. " 10 "
10.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. " 15 "
11.00 A.M. to 12.45 P.M. " 15 "
12.45 P.M. to 3.15 P.M. " 20 "
3.15 P.M. to 5.45 P.M. " 15 "
5.45 P.M. to 6.45 P.M. " 20 "
6.45 P.M. to 8.00 P.M. " 15 "
8.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M. " 20 "

NIGHT CARS.

8.30 P.M. and 9 P.M., 9.30 P.M. 10 P.M. 10.30 P.M. every half hour.
11.00 P.M. to 11.45 P.M. every quarter of an hour.

SUNDAYS

7.30 A.M.
8.00 A.M. to 10.30 A.M. EVERY 15 minutes
10.30 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. " 10 "
11.30 A.M. to 12.00 Noon " 15 "
12.00 Noon to 1.00 P.M. " 10 "
1.00 P.M. to 3.30 P.M. " 15 "
3.30 P.M. to 6.30 P.M. " 20 "
6.30 P.M. to 10.30 P.M. " 15 "
10.30 P.M. to 11.30 P.M. " 20 "

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Silver ...$18,000,000
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Hongkong, 26th September, 1916.

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H. SHIMADA, Manager.
Hongkong, 11th Sept. 1916.

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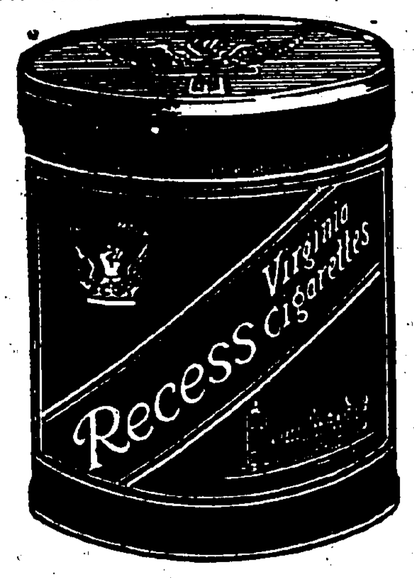

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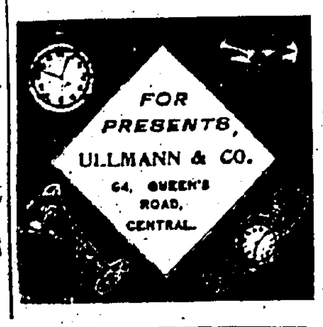

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Nom. Value.	Buyers	Sellers.
$2/- Shares.		
Allagar	2/3	2/9
Anglo-Java	4/-	5/-
Anglo-Malay	10/-	12/-
Batang Malaka	3/2	3/6
Bekoh	2/-	3/7½
Bkt. Mertajam	3/6	4/6
Bkt. Sembawang	2/6	3/-
Chersonese (F.M.S.)	3/3	4/-
Chimpul	1/6	1/10
Cicely	17/6	20/-
Cicely Pref.	18/-	21/-
Consolidated	10/-	12/6
Heawood	2/9	3/3
Kamunting Perak	3/3	4/-
Kota Tinggi	2/5	2/9
Labu (F.M.S.)	6/-	7/6
Linggi Ord.	18/-	20/-
London A. R.	6/6	7/3
Merliman	4/6	5,6
Padang Jawa	2/6	3/-
Pataling	30/-	35/-
Perak	5/-	6/6
Port Dickson	2/4	3/-
Selangor	22/6	25/-
S'pore Para	3/-	3/6
S'pore United	2/3	2/9
Str. Settlements (Bertram)	4/6	5/6
Sumatra Para	6/9	7/6
Untd. Serdang Sumatra	11/6	13/-
Untd. Sumatra	6/6	7/6
Untd. Temiang	2/10	3/3
Vallambrosa	15/3	17/9
£1 Shares.		
Batu Tiga	60/-	80/-
Bkt. Rajah	130/-	150/0
Castlefield	100/-	112/6
Damansara	65/-	75/-
H'lands & L'lands	50/-	55/-
Kuala Lumpur	80/-	95/-
Lanadron	40/-	45/-
Langen (Java)	45/-	50/-
Ledbury	50/-	57/6
Lumut	37/6	45/-
Malacca R. P. Ord.	80/-	90/-
„ 7½ Pref.	70/-	80/-
Nordanal	21/-	23/6
Permas	28/9	35/-
Pegoh	42/6	50/-
Rembia Ord.	25/-	30/-
Rembia Pref.	24/-	30/-
Rubber Plant Invest.	21/-	23/6
Sapong	25/-	30/-
Seafield	80/-	90/-
Seremban	17/6	20/-
Shelford	27/6	35/-
Sialang	60/-	70/-
S'gai Way	75/-	85/-
Tebrau (Johore)	60/-	70/-
Untd. Sua Betong	50/-	60/-

Dollar Shares.

$1 Shares.		
Alor Gajah	3.70	3.90
Ayer Kuning	1.40	1.50
Ayer Molak	2.50	2.60
Bakgownie	4.60	4.80
Bkt. Jelutong	.72½	.80
Bkt. Katil	.85	.95
Glenealy	2.25	2.40
Jeram	2.05	2.15
Jimah	1.80	1.90
Malaka Pinda	2.10	2.25
Mandai Tekong	.90	1.00
Pantai	1.90	2.00
Punggor	.80	.90
Tambalak	1.00	1.10
Ulu Pandan	.82½	.92½
Untd. Malacca	1.15	1.25
$2½ Shares.		
Kempas	7.90	8.00
Malakoff	4.70	4.85
New Serendah	4.20	4.30
Sandycroft	4.90	5.05
S'gei Bagan	3.25	3.60
Trafalgar	1.30	1.50
$5 Shares.		
Ayer Panas	11.40	11.75
Ch'kat Serdang	9.10	9.50
Haytor	10.00	10.05
Kelemak	6.00	6.35 x.d.
Lunas	7.10	7.30 x.d.
Mergui	4.85	5.10
Nyalas	6.37	6.50 x.d.
Pajam	17.50	18.50
Radella	11.50	12.00
Teluk Anson	11.25	11.75
$10 Shares.		
Bukit Timah	12.00	15.00
Indrasdri	19.50	21.00
Sidam Bolong	3.50	4.00
Tapah	19.00	21.00

POST OFFICE.

Particulars of outgoing and incoming Mails will not be advertised in future. The Post Office will forward all correspondence posted by the fastest routes.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

Tai O.—Week days, 5 p.m.

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Shataukok, Shatin and Sheungshui.—Week days, 4 p.m.

Aberdeen, Autau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, Santin and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.

Canton, Samshui and Wuchow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m., Registration 5 p.m., Letters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.

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Shamchun.—Week days, 10 a.m., 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.

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Kumchuk.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

Kaukong.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Eiger, Nor., ss. 875, Fingalsen, 6th Feb.—Bangkok, 27th Jan., Rice.—T. & Co.

Joshio M., Jap., ss. 1,155, Narushima, 6th Feb.—Swatow, 5th Feb., Gen.—O. S. K.

Kueichow, Br., ss. 1,220, Forsyth, 6th Feb.—Weihaiwei, 21st Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Yuchow, Br., ss. 1,306, Lloyd, 6th Feb.—Chefoo, 31st Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE. Just arrived, Fresh assorted American Sweets & Fry's Chocolates.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 6th at 12.10—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased moderately along the coast from Shanghai to Haiphong, and increased slightly at Vladivostock and over the Philippines.

The anticyclone appears to have weakened and moved eastward.

Fresh to moderate monsoon is indicated over the China Sea. It is interrupted to the north of Foochow.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.34 inches, against an average of 1.85 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	E. winds, strong to moderate; cloudy.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamocks	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	E. winds, moderate.

China Coast Meteorological Register. February 6, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Winds D'tion.	Winds Force.	Weather.
V'ostock	6a	30.29	18		ane	5	c
Nemuro	5a						
Hakodate							
Tokio							
Kochi							
Nagasaki							
K'agima							
Oshima							
Naha							
Ishi'jima							
Bonin Is.							
Chefoo	6a						
Whaiwei	„	30.38	25	81	n	2	b
Hankow							
Ichang							
Kiukiang							
Changsha							
Shanghai	„	30.34	28		ese	1	b
Gutslaff	„	30.32	36	90	s	2	b
Sharp P.	„	30.16	47	77	w	2	o
Amoy	5a		50	65	ne	2	o
Swatow	6a	30.22	51	72	ne	1	o
Taihoku	5a	30.21	55	77	e	4	o
Taichu	„	30.19	52			0	r
Tainan	„	30.18	48		ne	2	b
Koshun	„	30.15	63		ne	6	o
P'dores	„	30.18	54		nne	6	o
Canton	6a	30.15	54	87		0	o
H'kong	„	30.13	56	63	e	5	o
Gap Rock	„	30.11			ene	6	o
Macao	„	30.12	57	72	e	4	b
Wuchow	9a						
Pakhoi	„						
Hoihow	„						
Pinlien	7a	30.06	61	93	ese	2	o
Tourane	„	30.04	63		wnw	6	o
C. St. J.	„	29.91	70		ene	4	o
Aparri	6						
Dagupan	„	29.92	70	77	s	4	b
Manila	„	29.94	68	94		0	b
Legaspi	„	29.94	72	96	n	2	o
Tacloban	„						
Iloilo	„	29.88	75	91	n	4	o
Surigao	„						
Labuan	„	29.80	78	94	e	6	b

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Feb 6, 1917.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

METEOROLOGICAL.

	Previous Day at 6 p.m.	On date at 6 a.m.	On date at 6 p.m.
Barometer	30.24	30.18	30.15
Temperature	58	56	61
Humidity	46	63	58
Wind Direction	E	E	E
„ Force	5	5	4
Weather	b	o	o
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest upon ale Temperature on the 5th
Lowest „ „ „ „ 6th

H.K. Observatory, February 6, 1917.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

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THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of Messrs. Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 22nd February, 1917, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from MONDAY 12th February to THURSDAY, 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong 5th February, 1917.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on SATURDAY 17th February, 1917, at noon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1916, with the report of the Directors and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th to 17th February, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. H. TAGGART,
Acting-Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1917.

NOTICES.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES VICTORIA BUILDINGS on SATURDAY 10th February, 1917, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the REPORT of DIRECTORS together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st, December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 1st the SATURDAY 10th February. 1917, (both days inclusive) during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1917.

G. R.

Any European, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers.

All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION of PERSONS ORDINANCE 1915. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding $50.